

**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Appln. No.:	10/817,463	:	Examiner:	Joseph Moore Pelham
Filing Date:	April 2, 2004	:	Attorney Docket No.:	Formerly 41854-P001US Now 683470.0020
Title:	CONVEYOR TYPE OVEN			

PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a) [MPEP § 711.03(c)(I)(B)]

The Examiner telephoned the Applicants' attorney on April 28, 2006 indicating that a response to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2005 had not been received and that the case was now abandoned. This Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment is submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a) because an Amendment/Reply was mailed well within the statutory period, but simply not received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO"). MPEP § 711.03(c)(I)(B). Specifically, an Amendment and Response to the October 18, 2005 office action was mailed to the USPTO on November 17, 2005.

As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(b) and MPEP § 711.03(c)(I)(B), because Applicants are relying upon a Certificate of Mailing under 37 C.F.R. 1.8(b), a Statement attesting to the previous timely mailing of the office action response on November 17, 2005, by Viola Ange, one with "personal knowledge," is attached at Exhibit D. Also, attached hereto are copies of the Response/Reply (Exhibit A) with accompanying Transmittal Form (Exhibit B) and a photocopy of the postcard as forwarded with the Response/Reply (Exhibit C).

Applicants' attorney did not receive a return receipt postcard from the USPTO. However, Applicants again certify that the Response/Reply, Transmittal Form and Return Postcard to the October 18, 2005 Office Action were deposited in first class mail on November 17, 2005 and respectfully request that the Amendment/Reply be entered and that the Holding of Abandonment be withdrawn.

Based on the attached documents, Applicants respectfully Request withdrawal of the Holding of Abandonment in view of Applicants' November 17, 2005 timely filing of a Response/Reply to the October 18, 2005 office action.

No petition fee is believed to be due, and no extension of time fees are believed to be due in light of the mailing date. However, the Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge deposit account number 010657 for any deficiencies in the present Petition.

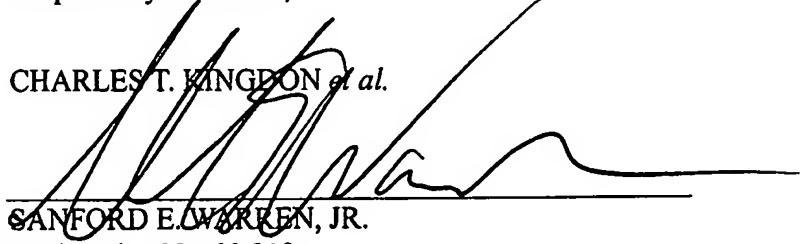
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner and/or the Commissioner contact the Applicants' undersigned attorneys at the number cited below if there are any reasons why the Petition cannot be granted and the Amendment/Reply not be entered.

Respectfully submitted,

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**STATEMENT ATTESTING TO THE TIMELY SUBMISSION
OF OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE/REPLY (37 CFR § 1.8)**

I, Viola M.L. Ange, hereby state the following:

1. I am employed by Winstead Sechrest & Minick P.C. as an IP Specialist;
2. I am the person who assisted with the preparation and mailing of various documents relating to the above-identified patent application. I have reviewed the Response/Reply paperwork that was submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2005 (hereinafter, "the Office Action") in the above-identified patent application.
3. I have personal knowledge of the filing of the Response to the Office Action and its accompanying paperwork and attest to it being timely submitted on November 17, 2005.
4. On November 17, 2005, in preparation for filing the Applicants' response to the Office Action, I prepared the necessary formal filing paperwork and documents which included a PTO/SB/21 Transmittal Form and a return postcard. I signed the Certificate of Mailing located on the Transmittal Form on November 17, 2005 and mailed it to the USPTO, on that date, with a

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return postcard (hereafter, "the Response/Reply paperwork"). A copy of the Transmittal Form which I signed is attached to this Statement as Exhibit A.

5. Based on the above information, this statement and the documentation enclosed with the accompanying "Request to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment," I attest that a Response/Reply to the October 18, 2005 Office Action was timely submitted on November 17, 2005.

May 2, 2006
Date

Viola M.L. Ange
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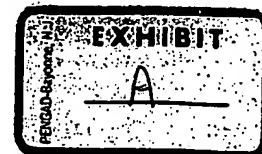
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Date	November , 2005	Reg. No.	33,219

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